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REPORT

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Kolskiy Zaliv Area
* 2. Radar and Shore Batteries in the
Kolskiy Zaliv Area

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A group of six naval vessel sighting and descriptive reports

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Ships

Date

1.

Five cruisers

13 July 1957

This report also noted the
sighting of three twin-jet aircraft in the Bukhta
Vayenga area.

✓ 2.

One cruiser, one submarine, one unidentified
small vessel.

29-30 May 1957

✓ 3.

Three submarines
Three escort vessels

25 June -
5 July 1957

One cruiser or large destroyer,
Two minesweepers,

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4.

Three cruisers,
One submarine
unidentified ships.

11 May 1957

✓ 5.

Four cruisers
Five submarines. Two destroyers
Other miscellaneous craft. This report
also contains data on radar installations observed.

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Six cruisers
Three destroyers
This report also contains
information on shore batteries observed in the
Kolskiy Zaliv area.

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Information from SSSR.

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Area. MURMANSK

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1. NAVAL.

[redacted] two cruisers were
moored side by side to the quay at the ROSTA
shipyard. [redacted]

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[redacted] There was high scaffold-
ing round both funnels of the inner vessel but [redacted]
[redacted] nothing was being done

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A tankboat was anchored about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the ship-
yard. This vessel appeared to be quite new, about
15000 tons [redacted] and was loaded.

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On the 13th. July at 0900 GMT 3 cruisers were
anchored in VAYENGA BAY. [redacted]
Several smaller naval vessels were lying further
on the Bay. It was raining and visibility was
poor.

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2. AIR.

[redacted] 3 twin-engined jet
bombers were observed in the vicinity of a pos-
ition 10 miles north of VAYENGA BAY. The aircraft
flew on a north-westerly course at a height of
1500-2000 ft. The engines were placed close to
the fuselage and in the middle of the swept back
wings was a fuel tank on each side.
See sketch.

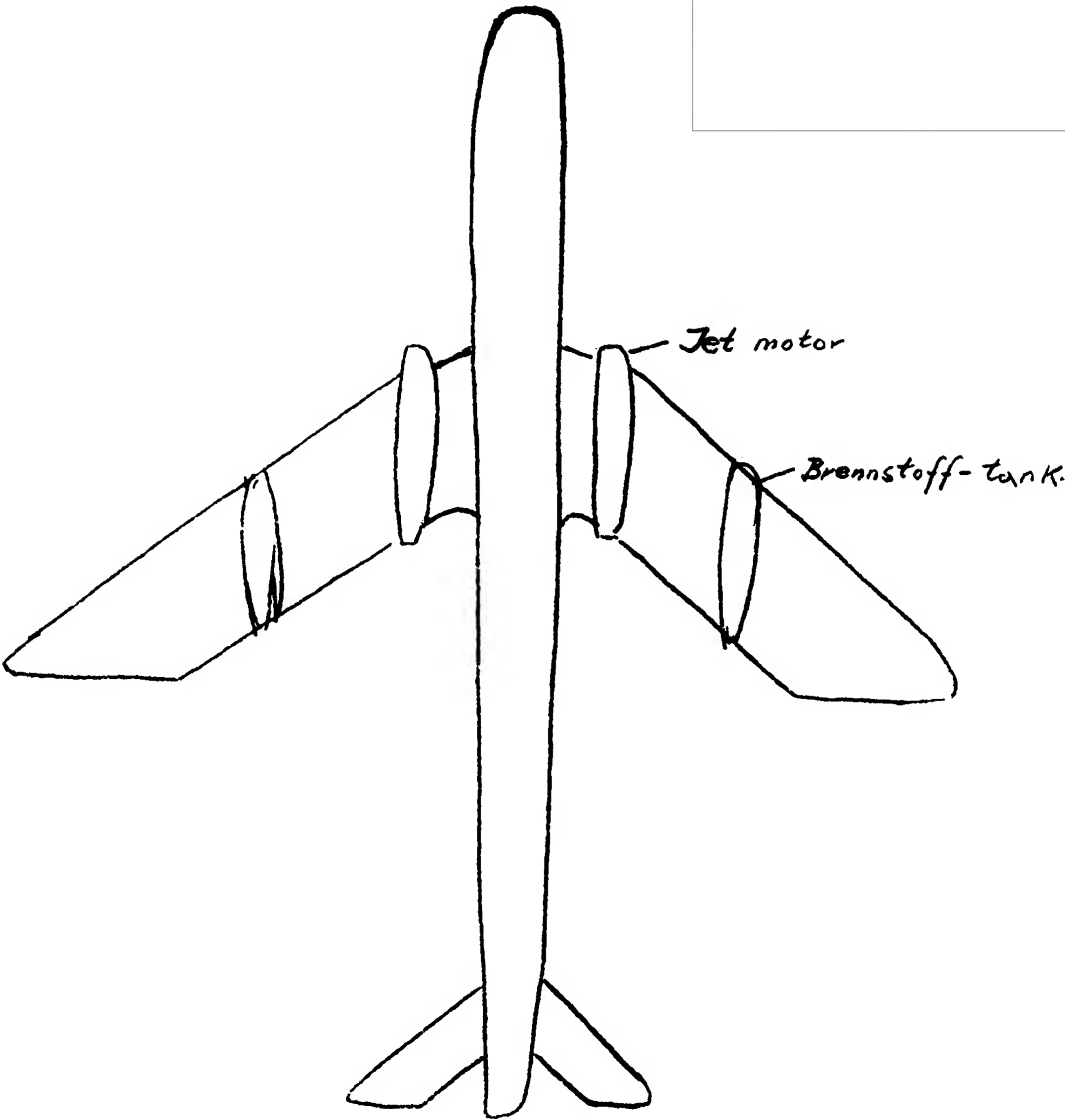
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Area. BARENTS SEA.

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1. NAVAL:

[redacted] a small naval vessel,
 starwing 115. passed at a speed of 15 knots.

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[redacted] The vessel
 had a long forecastle, short maindeck, artillery
 in front of the bridge, mast aft of the bridge, one
 funnel, davits on the stern.
 See sketch.

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[redacted] a cruiser and a sub-
 marine were observed from a great distance in
 the vicinity of a position N 69° 22' - E 35° 36'.
 The cruiser steered various courses at a speed of
 approx. 20 knots. [redacted] long fore-
 castle with step aft of the after funnel, 2 turrets
 on the forecastle, bridge with high platform, mast,
 funnel, mast, funnel, deckhouse or turret.
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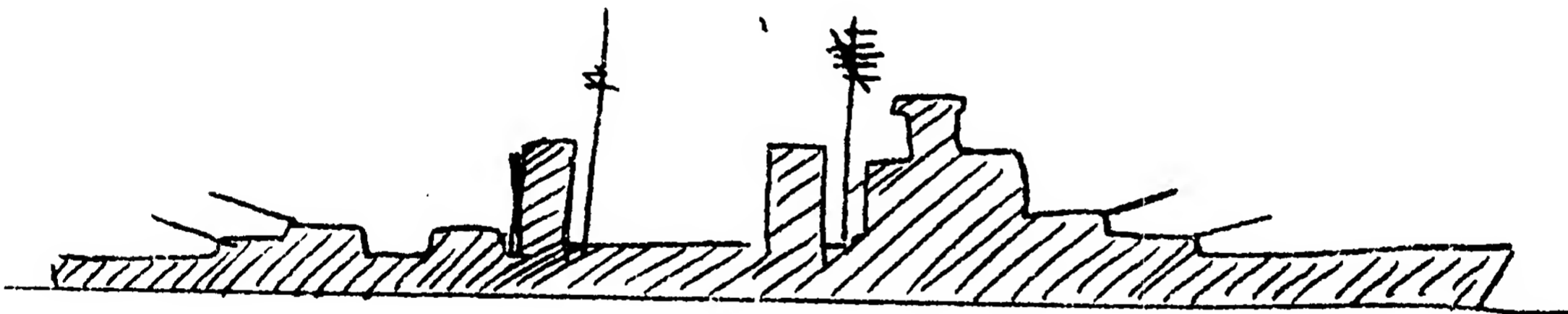
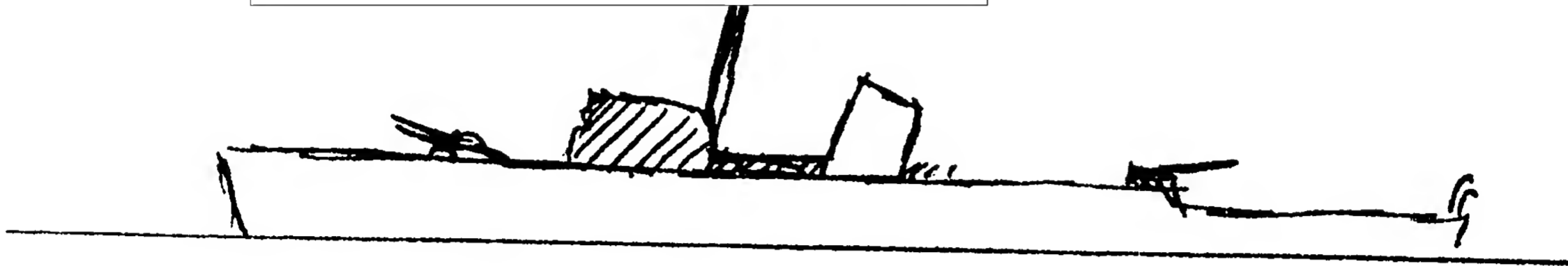
The submarine was small with sloping bows and a
 tower without steps. She manoeuvred on various
 courses at low speed.

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Area. BARENTS SEA - WHITE SEA.

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1. NAVAL.

[redacted] a group of naval vessels was observed in the vicinity of a position N 69° 23' E 35° 38'. The vessel were under way in line ahead on a westerly course. The group consisted of a cruiser, light cruiser or destroyer, 2 smaller naval vessels, 2 MTB's and 2 submarines.

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Description: The distance was so great that no details could be noted of the cruiser which was much larger than the following vessel [redacted]

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[redacted] described as a light cruiser or destroyer. The two smaller vessels were similar, one with [redacted] flush deck, 2 guns in a shield on the foredeck, bridge with a ball-shaped object on top, 2 masts, 2 funnels.
See sketch.

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The submarines were also similar. [redacted]

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[redacted] Long hulls without visible artillery, straight towers rather like funnels, with a comparatively greater length than height and very streamlined.

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On the 5th. July between 0400 and 0500 GMT a naval vessel escorting a merchantman passed SVIATOI NOS setting course for the WHITE SEA.

Description: [redacted] approx. 2000 tons, high, sloping bow with a marked sheer in the foredeck where there was a slit in the deck as on an MTB, one gun on the foredeck, high bridge, mast, funnel, anti-aircraft gun, 2 guns on the quarter deck.

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See sketch. (Step in the deckline is drawn to illustrate that the crew were completely hidden by the railing until they suddenly became visible at this point).

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The merchant vessel was approx. 4-5000 tons and was loaded. Large box-shaped packages were lying on the deck.

[REDACTED] in the evening, 2 minesweepers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and a submarine [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were observed coming from NE and steering into
the KOLA INLET. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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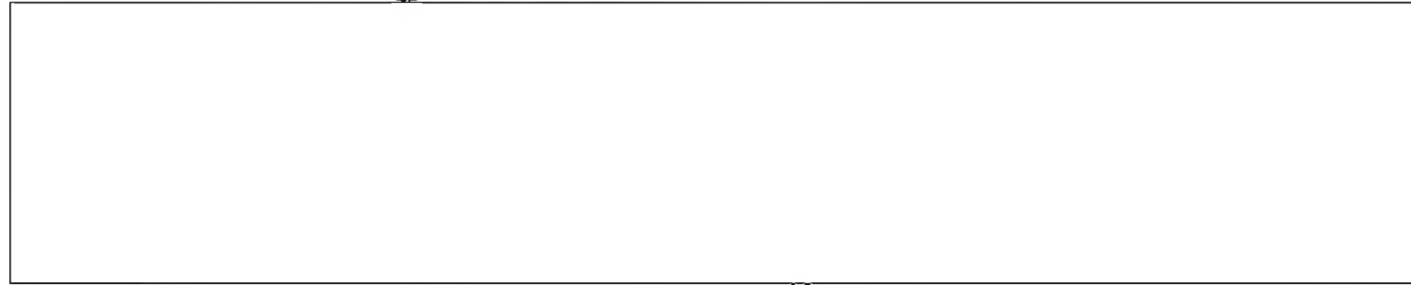
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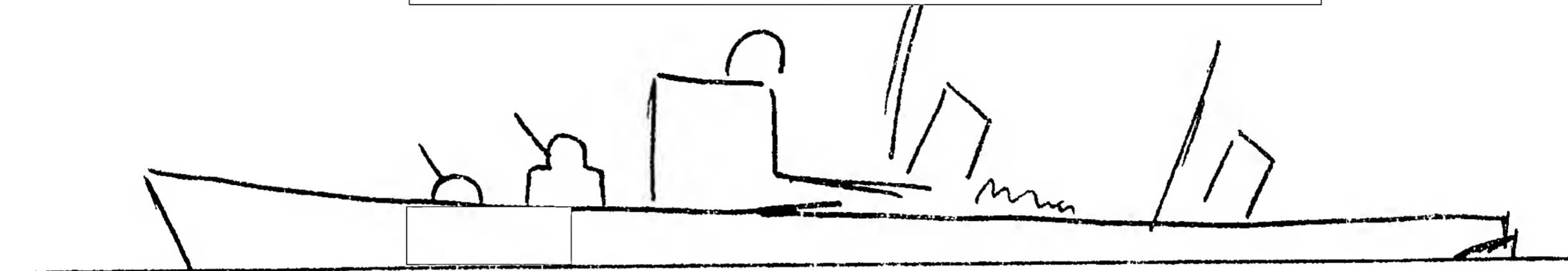
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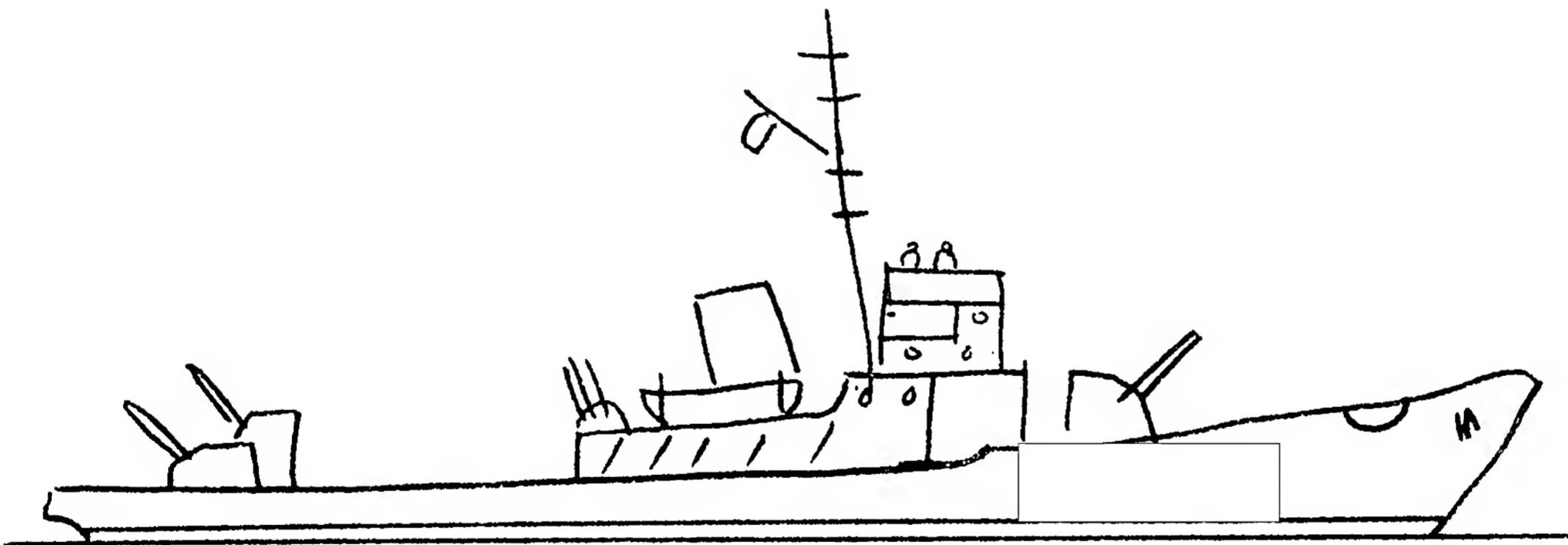
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area. KOLA INLET.

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1. NAVAL.

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A number of naval vessels were observed when entering the KOLA INLET

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3 cruisers

and a submarine

An apparently new submarine was seen in OLENYA Bay.

On reaching ROSTA Yard it was seen that one of the cruisers and 2 "destroyers" were lying at the quay.

2. SUNDRY.

4 mooring-buoys were seen in VAYENGA Bay. One of the cruisers and 3 larger vessels were moored to one of them.

2 large mooring-buoys were seen off LYETINSKI Pt. No vessels were moored to them.

1. Vaenga Bay

1) 3 large naval vessels were lying in buoys. Cruisers: 2 stacks, 2 x 2 turrets.

2) Way inside the bay close inshore 12 naval vessels, lying 3 x 4 large. destroyers, quite

3) ROSTA

Alongside the quay: 2 naval vessels, (Described as destroyers); 1 large naval vessel (same type as mentioned in para 1.1)).

4) 4 submarines with their stems pointing towards the shore. 2 newly painted, 2 very rusty ones as if they came from a long cruise. The submarines were of medium size.

5) On 25 April in the waters outside the Bolshoi island a submarine sailed around. No definite course, but apparently just ordinary practice. In contrast to the other vessels that were observed, the color of it was very dark gray. No ordnance. The conning-tower was low and placed slightly abaft the middle of the ship. A very large upright "knife" (translated literally) on the stem.

6) Both on 24 and 25 April there were 2 patrol boats off the entrance to the Kola Bay. They cruised around.

2. 1) The LETINSKY Point

There is a radar approximately 300 meters south of the light. The screen is an ordinary girder screen of the type that is used in merchant ships. There were quite a few houses in the vicinity of it.

- 2) About 300 meters south of the radar there is a girder mast, height 12-15 meters. There is a square object on top of it. The mast is painted white on the side facing east.

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3. 1) [redacted] in Murmansk itself [redacted] there is a spout for taking in apatite. Originally there were 2 spouts, but the newest installation is not in working order at the present time.

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- 2) A floating dock of an old type was lying close inshore in the bay at Chelmpustika [redacted] There were many small vessels, as a whole fishing cutters, in the same bay.

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4. Control

The control on departure was unexpectedly thorough. All cabins were searched, drawers and closets were opened. Hatches were taken off and the cargo searched.

[redacted] COMMENTS

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The cruisers are all of the Sverdlov-class and have all been observed previously. Destroyer [redacted] has previously been reported as Skory-class [redacted]

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[redacted] there is a Chapajev-class cruiser [redacted]

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We are not able to comment on the submarine observation.

It is likely that [redacted]

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[redacted] the two rusty submarines have been on a long cruise.

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Unfortunately the description of the upright object on the submarine by the Bolshoi island is too deficient for evaluation. It is possible that this is a SONAR installation which has been observed previously.

We have previously received reports about installation at Letinsky Point, but descriptions of this type has not been observed before.

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1. 1) A naval vessel was anchored off the pilot station in Kola Inlet. [redacted] type same as Skory destroyer, 2 stacks, torpedo tubes after each stack, typical "destroyer island" (translated literally) abaft, 1 gun on the fore deck. (This ship was not there on 12 May.)

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- 2) 3 cruisers were anchored in the Vaenga Bay. [redacted]

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- 3) A cruiser [redacted] was anchored in a bay closer to Murmansk

- 4) At Rosta: At shipyard 1 cruiser [redacted]

- 5) At Rosta: Slightly closer to the town, 1 cruiser alongside the quay. [redacted]

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- 6) At Rosta: 2 destroyers [redacted] (no description).

- 7) No submarines observed in the whole Murmansk area these two days.

2. Emplacements Observed at Entrance to Kola Inlet

- 1) 3 guns south of the Volokovaya Bay.

- 2) 3 x 3 guns on the mainland behind the Togosi island (right inside the Ryskinkaye Strait). The guns had very long and heavy barrels, but because of the distance [redacted]

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The barrels protrude from some cement boxes which look quite small compared to the barrels. There are steps in the back of the cement boxes.

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3. [redacted] 2 round, slightly arched domes, covered by grass, behind Pinagori Pt. and Chelmpuske Bay. Compared to the surrounding landscape, they were very obvious and looked as if they were ceiling domes over underground containers. Quite a few green oil barrels were seen in the same area ashore.

4. Control

- 2) The control in Murmansk itself was quite thorough this time. The search of cabins and rooms took about 1 1/2 hour - both on arrival and departure.